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UM, Zenith Firm 'Know Nothing' Of 'Link' to CIA

By DON BOHNING Herald Staff Writer

If the Central Intelligence of it.

An article appearing in the current issue of Look Magazine, claims the Zenith Technical Enterprises on the UM South Campus is a "cover" for the

"As far as we're concerned," said University Vice President and Treasurer Gene Cohen, "the university is leasing space to an organization we consider a good tenant which pays its rent promptly.

"There's nothing to indicate they have any connection with the CIA."

Zenith Manager H. Robert Graham also denied any dealings with the CIA.

"We have an electronics research job that we do here that is highly classified and we work with the Department of Defense," Graham said. "We know absolutely nothing about the

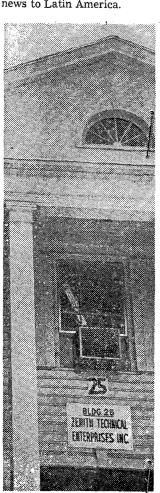
Graham said Zenith had opened its office on the South Campus in September 1961.

The firm, he said, is a subcontractor for a Defense Department prime contractor.

Cohen, who handled the lease arrangements for the university, said there is nothing unusual about it "We have leased space to duite a few different enterprises where we appeared to have space available for what they wanted,"

number. There was no answer Monday.

Gibraltar Steamship moved Agency is operating under the to Miami from New York in guise of an electronics research September 1961 to operate Rafirm on the University of Miami dio Swan, a 50-kilowatt station South Campus, school officials on Swan Island off the coast of said Monday they are unaware Honduras. It beams anti-Castro news to Latin America.



Building 25 ... 'it's not true'

The magazine article further claimed that the relationship between the CIA and some universities is two-way — "The agency secretly finances research programs at some universities; in turn, the universities help to recruit CIA person-

"I know of no such activity at this University," Cohen declar-

In addition to Zenith, Look claimed "the CIA has also operated under at least three other commercial cover names in Miami."

They were listed as the Double-Check Corp., the Gibraltar Steamship Corp and the Vanguard Service Corp.

Miami Springs Attorney Alex Carlson, president of Double-Check, said he "has no knowledge of any such implication."

He said Double-Check has been inactive since the spring of 1961 and its purpose at the time "was as a procurement agency for aviation personnel."

Double-Check had recruited four U.S. fliers killed during the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Offices for both Gibraltar Steamship and Vanguard Service are listed in the Langford Building under the same phone. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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My Revolution Is Strong'

Spare Would-Be Assassins, Castro Asks Cuban Court

strong, Prime Minister Fidel month, Serguera then changed Castro asked a court Tuesday his request to 30 years in pristo spare the lives of four men on for the four. on trial on charges of plotting to kill him.

dastro's plea for elemency the prosecution introduced was read to a five-man mili- surprise witness who claimed tary court by Prosecutor Jorge he was a double agent whe Serguera, who had asked the worked until last month for

· (AP) · · De-|death penalty for four of seven the U.S. Central Intelligence claring that his revolution is defendants arrested last

Castro's letter came after

Agency.

The Cuban, who identified himself as Juan Pelaez Canan, said he was really in the service of Cuban intelligence during the three years he said he worked for the CIA in Miami and Cuba.

After he read Castro's letter, Serguera asked for prison sentences of 30 years each for former army majors Rolando Cubela and Ramon Guin and Jose Luis Gonzalez Gallarreta and Alberto Blanco Romariz.

Serguera asked for a 10-year sentence for Jian Alfina Nav-arro. He asked that the court decide upon penalties for Guillermo Conill Alvarez and Angel Herrero Veliz.

Castro's letter, addressed to the prosecutor, said the assassination plot was "one of the most cowardly and repugnant acts" to take place during the seven years of Cuba's revolutionary re-

He said death sentences, particularly for Cubela and Gallarreta, would be "natural and severe penalties" for such an

His letter ended with the exhortation:

"I ask that you not appeal; for the death penalty for any of those accused. The revolution is strong."

The tribunal then recessed until an unspecified date, when it will announce the sentences.

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SOMEBODY GET SMART

A Handy-Dandy Spy Kit Found Floating In Bay

By WILLIAM TUCKER Reporter of The Miami News

Have U.S. government agents been playing a game of spies and saboteurs in Biscayne Bay with side trips to Jewfish Creek and the Cuban Coast?

The possibility is raised by the discovery at Dinner Key Marina of a freshly dunked suitcase full of siin is ter-reading documents.

Radio Station WGBS says the FBI has determined the suitcase belonged to an employe of "another U.S. government agency" and has been returned to its owner.

The FBI man who handled the (suit) case wouldn't confirm this for The Miami News.

"I can't say anything at all officially," he said. "Perhaps there has been some sort of misunderstanding."

Jim Bruns, a WGBS news announcer, said he helped Mike Boshnack, a college student, retrieve the suitcase off a Dinner Key pier three weeks ago.

"We saw it floating practically on top of the water," Bruns recalled. "But by the time it took us to get a row-boat and go after it, it had sunk almost to the bottom."

The contents, however, were intact and nearly dry, indicating the suitcase had been in the water only a few minutes.

Inside, Bruns and Bosh-nack found:

—A diagram of a 9 millimeter pistol with instructions to aim it at a human body from 10 yards.

—Diagrams of bridge sections showing where to place explosives.

-Code Lists.

—Charts of Biscayne Bay, the Jewfish Creek area and the Cuban coast with apparent rendezvous points marked.

—Several papers in Spanish marked "secret."

—A list of survival gear.

—A list of radio frequencies.

—Pictures of various weapons and instructions in the use of machine guns, mortars and rifles.

—Diagrams and instructions for minature radio transmitters.

—Several waterproof flares.

—A copy of the book "The Gravediggers" by Phyllis Schlafley, attacking the U.S. political system.

Bruns and Boshnack turned the suitcase and contents over to the FBI (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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and awaited that agency's evaluation.

Bruns said the FBI told him last night that the suitcase had been lost by an employe of another government agency while he was moving the contents of his home in Miami.

The other agency, Bruns reported, "wants to remain unnamed."